## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Charles Donald Montgomery, Jr.

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Title: Method Of Adapting An Optical Network To Provide Lightpaths To

Dynamically Assigned Higher Priority Traffic

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## REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION EXPEDITED PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR § 1,116

Sir:

No additional fee is believed to be necessary at this time. However, if Commissioner believes that an additional fee is necessary, please charge said fee to CARSTENS & CAHOON, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicant offers the following: